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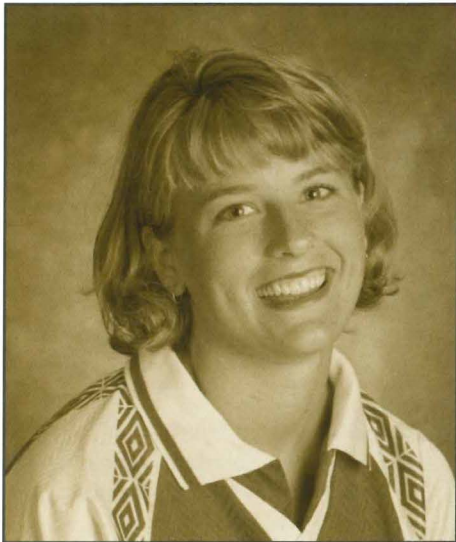
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"I desire to be an unselfish person. When I look at Christ's life, I see unselfishness. Yet I find it so easy to get caught up in my world and forget those around me. God demands that I place others before myself and use my life to benefit others. I must be content with that. Since that is one of my goals, I try to make that a primary perspective in all I do at Cedarville."

Carrie Orme, a junior elementary education major from Dayton, Ohio, certainly has many opportunities to share her life with others. In addition to preparing to be a teacher, she shares her gift of singing in the Concert Chorale, her gift of teaching with small children in Sunday School at an area local church, and her gift of athletics with the other women with whom she has helped form the first women's soccer team for the College. This past summer, she also served on a Missions Involvement Services (MIS) team to South Africa.

"Being a part of starting the women's soccer team has been rewarding. It is great to play on a team full of Christians. We can lean on each other and build each other up," Carrie shared. "And winning is nice. We even won a couple games in this first season, but it is not everything. Christ is! I will not be playing soccer after graduation, but I will continue to encourage and build others up, so the soccer field becomes another place to learn and practice a lifelong skill."

Carrie can remember, upon coming to Cedarville, her focus was not as clear. "I was probably lukewarm at best when I came to Cedarville. But I quickly realized that I was surrounded by so many who wanted to do something for God, beginning with my professors. Every day in chapel we are challenged to be like Christ and do something in our walk with God. This positive peer pressure became contagious. I soon made a commitment to be doing—not to be standing on the sidelines."

Such a commitment led Carrie to join the MIS team to South Africa. She excitedly shared, "I spent eight weeks with other students who are on fire for God, doing puppet shows and singing to present the gospel of Christ. Coming home was somewhat of a letdown, but it reinforced to me that I cannot get caught up in the future, and in the 'busy-ness' of life. I do not know how much time I have, so I must make the most of it for God."

"That is probably why I get so excited about teaching, another of my immediate goals. In teaching you give all you can each day to helping others," Carrie concluded. "God has used Cedarville—my professors, Dr. Dixon, the classes, chapel services, the ministries—to show me what I am here on earth for, and that is to serve Him by serving others."

Please Pray For...

- Students who face decisions concerning returning for winter quarter
- Students who have completed their coursework this fall and will enter the mission field and workforce this winter
- The Winter Enrichment Conference with Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, that the college family will be challenged and encouraged in their walk with God

Did you know?

- Cedarville continues a sustained growth pattern of the last four decades with a seventh consecutive record enrollment for the fall quarter; 2,559 enrolled, reflecting an increase of 50 students over fall 1996.
- This year the average entering freshman earned a high school grade point average of 3.5 and scored 25 on the ACT.
- 111 of those freshmen scored in the top two percent nationally on the SAT or ACT.

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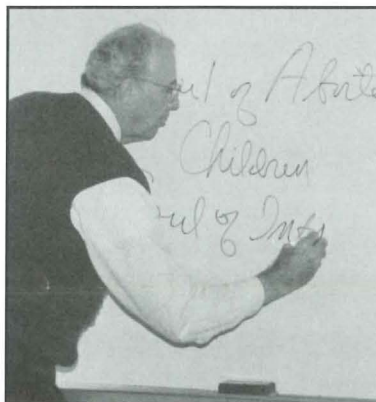
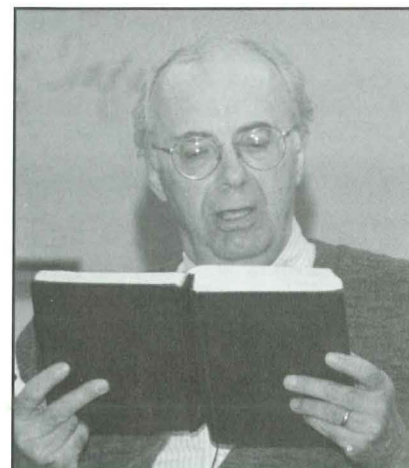
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Visiting Professor Confirms Mission

“My desire is to accomplish that which I believe God designed me for—integrating Scripture with academic discipline. While I am asked by other colleges to spend time on their campuses teaching integration, I am interested in whether they practice what they preach. It has been affirmed since I have been here that Cedarville College makes this a high priority.”

Dr. Richard C. Chewning, Chavanne Professor of Christian Ethics in Business at Baylor University is on sabbatical leave and spending Fall Quarter at Cedarville College. His time is spent teaching an honors course on organizational ethics for students and leading a seminar on integration of faith and learning for the faculty of Cedarville College. He has written over 70 books and articles on business ethics from a Christian perspective. In addition, he is a lecturer for the Staley Foundation.

His viewpoint of Cedarville College comes from over 40 years of teaching at the university level. “Cedarville College is very mature, very advanced, and far beyond many of its peer institutions. The faculty is mature, well-selected, well-rounded, and very strong. I have 44 faculty who have voluntarily added two hours a week to their schedules to attend my lectures and write papers. It’s impressive that the faculty at Cedarville do this on their own time, seeking to better what they do.”



In 1963, while a professor at the University of Richmond, Dr. Chewning was convicted that he was not integrating Scripture with his disciplines of business and economics. “I then went through my Bible marking verses that would have application to my specialty,” he says. Since then, Dr. Chewning has worked at integrating faith and learning through many intense hours of Bible study and diligently seeking what the Word of God has to say about his specific academic discipline. He states, “Cedarville College faculty come from every discipline on campus. I did not come here to teach them, but to further stimulate them to see how God’s Word relates to them and their discipline.” Dr. Chewning sees the integration of faith within the classroom as vital so that the faculty, administrators, and students all have a mind of Christ and a biblical worldview. “This comes from the Scriptures,” he reiterates. “God says that He will write His Word upon your heart. Then He begins a transformation of the heart through the hearing of the Word and good personal study.”

“Cedarville College takes its commitment to Christ, the development of a biblical world and life view, and its students very seriously. Very few institutions understand themselves as well as Cedarville, and very few are as committed to fulfilling what they believe is a God-given mission. Cedarville is intently pursuing an education built on Biblical truth. That is why I am here.”

President Dixon Announces New Pursuits

“If Cedarville College is going to continue to satisfy its commitment to grounding students in Biblical truth and sending them out so that they can fulfill the Great Commission, we must continue to build our programs and meet the challenge that the contemporary culture will pose for our graduates.”

So began Dr. Dixon’s State of the College Address, announcing the initiatives that Cedarville will pursue well into the next century. Dr. Dixon, now in his 20th year as president, shared his announcements with students and guests during the Homecoming chapel service on October 17.

His announcements focused on the following:

Graduate Programs:

“We will continue to investigate a Masters in Administration program, as well as determine which emphases we will offer within such a program. And we will continue to pursue how distance learning and our technology distinctive fit into this and our undergraduate programs.”

Retrofit of the Previous Chapel:

The Board of Trustees has authorized the architects to proceed with the design of a retrofit of the previous chapel into a technology/classroom facility. It will contain six multifunctional classrooms, more than \$400,000 in classroom technology equipment, as well as lounge space for commuting students and additional office space for several faculty. It is our hope that it will be ready for the fall of 1998.”

Student Union/Theater Complex:

“The Board of Trustees has also authorized the architects to continue with the design of a Student Union/Theater facility. They will continue to refine the design during 1998, and if financial commitments are in order, we would hope to break ground early in 1999.”

Fitness/Recreation Facility:

“At the same time, the Board has asked the architects to also complete the design process of a fitness/recreation facility to better address the growing demand that students place on our intramural and fitness programs. This building will contain four basketball courts, six racquetball courts, a fitness and weight training area, and the project will probably involve some renovation of our current Athletic Center.”

While Dr. Dixon focused on the dynamics of Cedarville’s future, he also reinforced that the mission and foundation of the College will not change. He stated, “In the midst of a decadent culture, Cedarville remains, and will remain, committed to Biblical truth.”

He also reminded students that the Great Commission is at the heart of why they are at Cedarville. “We are under marching orders at Cedarville to communicate Christ’s truth. It is not sufficient to know it or to teach it in the classroom or during chapel. We must not hoard it! Cedarville College exists to help prepare you and those following behind you to credibly serve in numerous ways so that you gain the platform to share Christ and His truth. We cannot exist for any other reason.”



Calendar of Events

December

10-12 Fall Quarter Final Exams

January

5 Winter Quarter Instruction Begins
6-9 Winter Enrichment Conference with Dr. Richard Allen Farmer
9 CAB Concert: Point of Grace
22 Artist Series: Christopher Parkening/Jubilant Sykes
26 Charter Day Chapel
30-31 Alumni Basketball Weekend

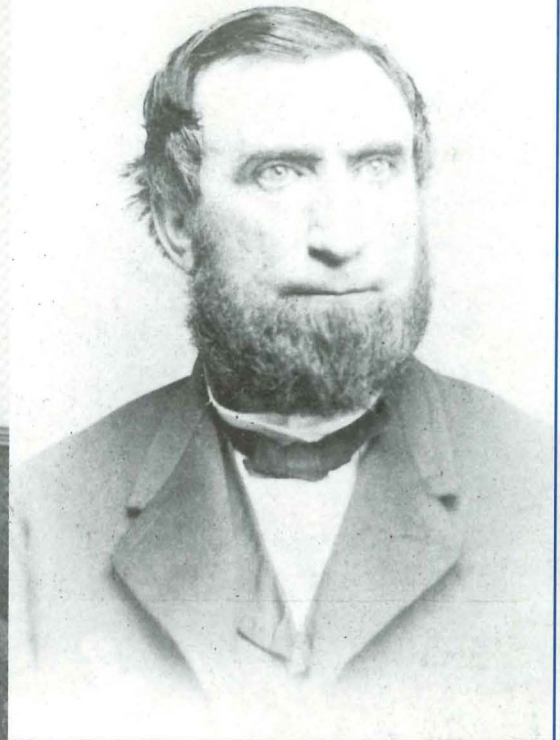
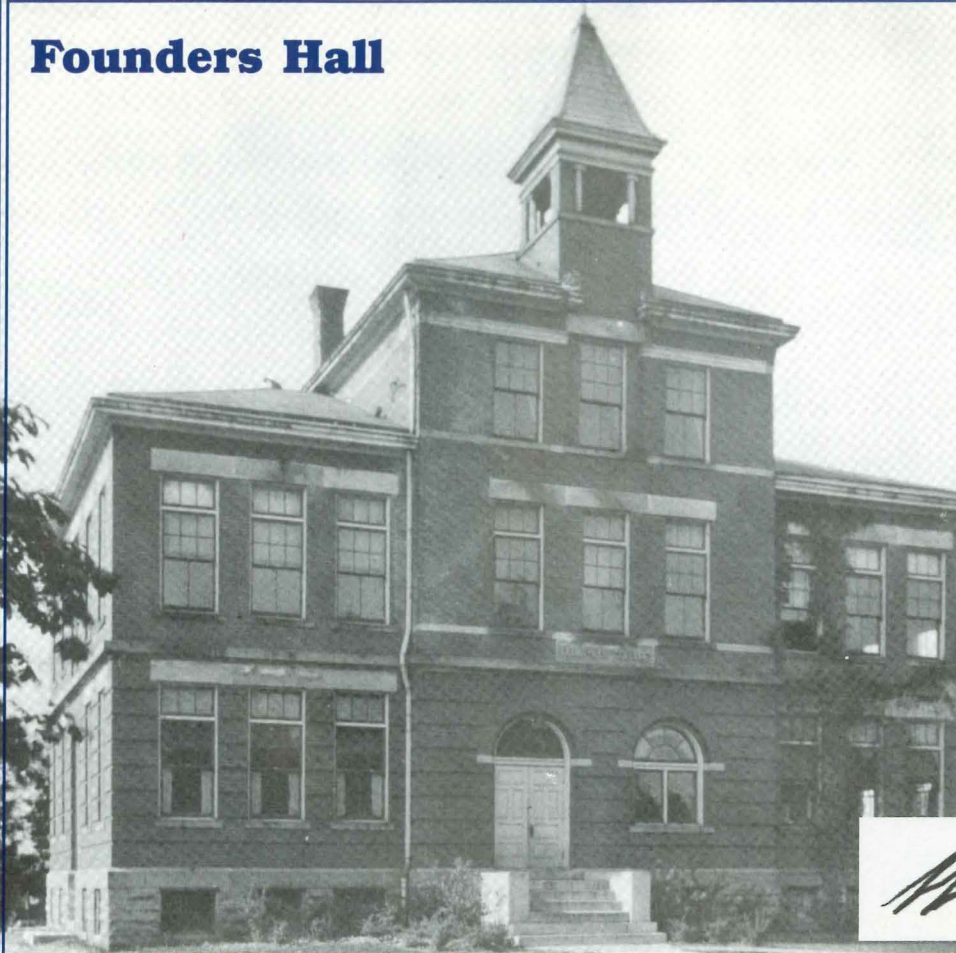
February

3 Pastors Day: Dr. James Montgomery Boice
3-5 Staley Foundation Lectureship: Dr. James Montgomery Boice
12-14 Winter Play: *Crossing Delancey*
13-14 Li'l Sibbs Weekend
20 CAB Concert: Steve Camp

March

12-13 Winter Quarter Final Exams

Founders Hall



William Gibson

Can Your Will Make An Eternal Difference?

The year was 1891. Cedarville College had been chartered by the state of Ohio in 1887, but in the absence of any meaningful monetary support, still existed in name only. The trustees had become frustrated in their attempts to raise enough funds or interest in the project to turn their dream into a reality. The recommendation from the prior year's trustee meeting was that the "whole enterprise" be abandoned. At the height of this period of uncertainty, the board received word that a \$25,000 bequest had been made to Cedarville College from the estate of the late Mr. William Gibson, an influential businessman from Cincinnati. The gift was made in memory of William's father and business partner, Peter Gibson, who had died in 1884.

The news of the bequest revitalized the trustees and created a renewed interest in the fledgling college. In 1892, the trustee board passed a resolution recommending that "...an effort be made to revive an interest in the institution, and that the pastors in the different congregations be requested to bring the matter before their people at an early day, and urge them to contribute liberally for the establishment of said college...." In May 1894, the trustees were directed to erect or rent a suitable building and secure teachers to begin the work of educating students. Four months later, on September 19, Cedarville College was formally opened with an enrollment of 32 students. Interest earned by the bequest accounted for a large portion of the operating budget from 1892 through 1896. The bequest principal made possible the purchase of the original campus site and the construction of the building now known as Founders Hall.

The timely receipt of the bequest from the estate of William Gibson helped the dream of Cedarville College become a reality. In 1910, Dr. David McKinney, first president of Cedarville College, remembered the bequest when he wrote, "...it was as if Providence had determined that this ministry should go on...." The gift amounted to less than two percent of the total value of the Gibson estate. Today, the eternal value of Gibson's bequest cannot be measured.

Bequests are as important to the ministry of Cedarville College today as they were in 1892. Your estate plan should include a will and/or a living trust. And we hope your will or living trust includes Cedarville College. A bequest can be made in the form of a specific asset, a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or a remainder interest after you have cared for your heirs. We are grateful anytime that Cedarville College is elevated to "family status" in your will or living trust. But often we are unaware of the bequest until the estate has been settled. We miss the opportunity to express our appreciation for the gift.

In an effort to recognize the continuing importance of bequests to the ministry of Cedarville College and to properly acknowledge those individuals who have included Cedarville College in their will or living trust, we are happy to announce the formation of the **WILLIAM GIBSON SOCIETY**. Charter membership in the William Gibson Society is now open to any individual who has named Cedarville College in his or her will or living trust. All William Gibson Society charter members will receive a complimentary copy of *Cedarville College, A Century of Commitment* by Dr. J. Murray Murdoch, chair of Cedarville's Department of Social Sciences and History, and a subscription to the quarterly devotional booklet *First Light*.

To enroll as a charter member, please call the Cedarville College Office of Planned Giving at 1-800-766-1115, or send e-mail to bartletd@cedarville.edu.

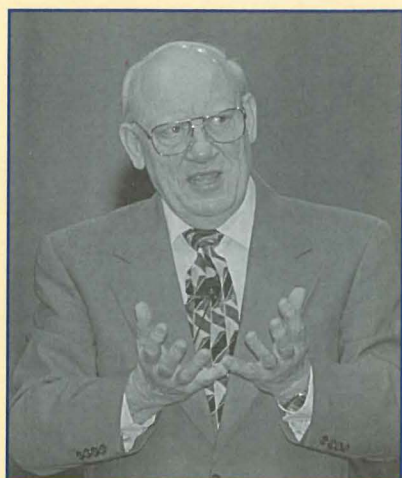
Around the Campus

Cedarville Receives Maximum Accreditation

This spring, Cedarville's accreditation from North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the accrediting agency for colleges and universities in the Midwest, was up for review. They last granted accreditation to Cedarville in 1987 for the maximum 10-year period. Accreditation of our academic program is important for our students, as it reinforces to employers, other colleges, universities, and graduate schools that our courses of study meet an objective standard.

The College spent two years preparing for this review and, earlier this year, presented a self-evaluation to North Central. Included in the request for reaccreditation was a proposal to allow Cedarville the option to grant graduate degrees. "We thought it important to include that in our review so that as we consider a Master's program, such accreditation would strategically work to our benefit," says Dr. Duane Wood, Academic Vice President.

Following a three-day site visit to formally review Cedarville, the Board of North Central voted positively to confirm Cedarville's accreditation for another 10-year period for both undergraduate and graduate programs.



During the 1997 Fall Bible Conference, Dr. Warren Wiersbe used the morning and evening chapel services to challenge the college family in the Word of God on how to overcome the world. The following is an excerpt.

"Where you look is where you are trusting. Some look in their wallets, their medicine chest, while others look in the refrigerator. When Jesus was about to give up His life, and was being humiliated as no other person has ever been—for His sustenance and strength He looked up to heaven. Where do you look?"

Cedarville Honored for Efficiency

According to college president, Dr. Paul Dixon, "At Cedarville, we strive to teach and model sound financial stewardship, working hard to offer students a quality academic experience at a reasonable price. It is our responsibility as Christians to use tuition dollars and financial gifts wisely."

Cedarville's stewardship was reflected in a recent recognition from *U.S. News & World Report*. *U.S. News* ranked Cedarville College among the best in operating efficiency. According to *U.S. News*, schools that operate efficiently offer a relatively higher quality academic experience while spending relatively less money.

After several years as a Best Value, Cedarville qualified as a candidate in the operating efficiency category with an academic ranking in the top tier of liberal arts colleges/universities in the Midwest.



Student Honored for Service

Donnie Woodyard, a junior Bible/biology (premed) double major at Cedarville, was named National Collegiate Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Provider of the Year at the National Collegiate EMS Foundation conference. Donnie is the current chief of the Cedarville College EMS unit. Established in 1968, it was the first collegiate program in the nation and serves about 3,000 members of the college family. Donnie was credited for his organizational leadership of the student-managed squad.

After graduate school, he plans to pursue cross-cultural medical ministry with children and teens. Donnie shared, "Cedarville has provided me with an incredible opportunity to be a leader while being influenced by wonderful faculty. I've learned about the Scriptures academically and have been guided in applying my knowledge practically and personally. Cedarville has given me the opportunity to learn and develop both in and out of the classroom."

